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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN  
MIGRATION (ICEM)

1. THE ICEM DIRECTOR JOHN THOMAS HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT  
THAT THERE IS A PROSPECT THAT THE UK, FRANCE, CANADA,  
AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN MIGHT CONSIDER JOINING ICEM. ALL BUT  
JAPAN DID HOLD MEMBERSHIP AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, AND, WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF JAPAN, ALL HAVE BENEFITTED FROM ICEM'S  
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WORK. FRANCE, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
SOME BENEFITS AND THE UK RELIED HEAVILY ON ICEM FOR THE  
EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF UGANDAN ASIANS IN 1968.  
FRANCE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH  
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAS BEEN UTILIZING ICEM SERVICES  
TO TRANSFER SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES  
FROM THAILAND TO FRANCE. CANADA, JAPAN AND THE UK ALL HAVE

OBSERVER STATUS AT ICEM GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS HELD IN GENEVA.

2. FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ICEM HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BY ARRANGING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES. OVER 2 MILLION REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN RESETTLED BY THE ORGANIZATION. THE UNITED STATES HAS FOUND ICEM PARTICULARLY HELPFUL OVER THE

YEARS ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY SUCH AS HUNGARY IN 1956 AND INDOCHINA IN 1975-1976. ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF ICEM'S PROGRAMS AS THEY ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE UNHCR'S ACTIVITIES. THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WORK HAND-IN-HAND IN A MOST EFFECTIVE WAY AND EACH HAS AN IMPORTANT AND SEPARATE ROLE TO PLAY. ICEM IN PARTICULAR HAS EARNED THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPECT.

3. SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE IN CONVERSATIONS THE ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO EXPRESS UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES. WE WOULD WARMLY WELCOME A CLOSER ASSOCIATION IN THE IMPORTANT WORK OF PROVIDING RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES. MOST OF THESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE BEEN GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS AND HAVE MADE AVAILABLE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRATION OPPORTUNITIES. MEMBERSHIP IN ICEM WOULD FURTHER FACILITATE THESE INTERESTS.

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4. GENEVA MAY INFORM ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE.  
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